



## Staff Report

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**Report To:** South Huron Council  
**From:** **Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk**  
**Date:** July 17 2017  
**Report:** CAO 17.20  
**Subject:** Grand Bend Community / South Huron Community Fund

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### Recommendations:

**That** the memo of Daniel Best, Chief Administrative Officer dated July 17, 2017 regarding the Grand Bend Community Foundation/South Huron Community Fund be received; AND

**That Administration** be authorized to enter into a Charitable Partnership Agreement with the South Huron Community Fund as an option for donors on Community/Municipal joint projects

### Purpose:

Council Approval

### Background and Analysis:

Established in 2001, The Grand Bend Community Foundation works to make the community stronger, smarter and more caring. The Foundation supports local organizations that have innovative ideas to improve our community. The Foundation works within the framework of the Community Foundations of Canada and is one of 191 foundations across Canada designed to promote community vitality. To date, the Foundation has granted more than \$1.3 million to local charities.

The Grand Bend Community Foundation has three main objectives:1. Provide community leadership. The Foundation has provides community

leadership through Community Improvement Coalition sessions, Grant and non-profit marketing seminars, participation in chamber of commerce events and round tables and by building positive professional relationships with local charities, businesses, community leaders and political representatives. 2. Provide effective and efficient grants to charities and projects that make a real difference in our community. Foundation grants focus on building community capacity and helping community residents. Supporting local healthcare needs, accessibility projects for seniors and residents with mobility restrictions, projects that help local children participate, recreational projects, arts & culture projects, environmental projects and local infrastructure projects which support both residents and additional tourism. 3. Provide good governance and strong financial management of funds entrusted so that grants can be continued to the community over the long term. Strong financial management of the funds that have been endowed allow the Foundation to continue to build and meet community needs now and in the future.

The South Huron Community Fund was The South Huron Community Fund was established in 2015 to follow the Community Foundations funds model. Funds raised by the South Huron Fund will create an endowment that will be used to provide grants to local South Huron charities and community projects now and into the future.

On July 4, 2017, Mr. Prout, an Ambassador to the Grand Bend Foundation outlined two methods of donation that promote and strengthen our community.

Endowments or legacy funds are established where the total amount of investments are pooled and the interest from the funds are made available to the community for projects and initiatives.

In addition, there may be projects that are coordinated in the community where individuals would like to sponsor the project specifically and receive a tax donation. Some community groups do not have charitable status and as a result, would not be able to issue a tax receipt which could be a deterrent to project donations.

In these circumstances, the community group could partner with the Municipality or other agency (conservation authority) through a Charitable Partnership. This agreement between the community group, in our case the Municipality and the Foundation would result in the following:

- Project funds being donated to the Foundation for the specific project and Foundation will issue a tax receipt;

- The Foundation will hold the funds until required for the project. Upon request, all funds donated for the community project will be issued as one cheque to the Municipality for the project.

At this time, the Victoria Park project in partnership with the Lioness Club provides a perfect vehicle to enter into a partnership as the Group does not have a charitable number. Moving forward, it would be beneficial to have the opportunity to work with the Foundation on other community projects in this fashion as an alternative for those wishing to receive a charitable receipt for their donation.

**Operational Considerations:**

No other options were considered

**South Huron's Strategic Plan:**

Section 6.2.2 of the Municipality of South Huron 2015- 2019 Strategic Plan identifies key priorities and strategic directions. The following elements are supported by the actions outlined in this report:

- ✓ Improved Recreation and Community Wellbeing
- ✓ Administrative Efficiency and Fiscal Responsibility
- ✓ Increased Communications and Municipal Leadership
- ✓ Transparent, Accountable, and Collaborative Governance
- ✓ Dedicated Economic Development Effort

**Financial Impact:**

There are no financial implications as a result of the actions outlined in this report.

**Legal Impact:**

There are no legal implications as a result of the actions outlined in this report.

**Staffing Impact:**

There are no staffing implications as a result of the actions outlined in this report.

**Policies/Legislation:**

None

**Consultation:**

None

**Related Documents:**

2016 Grand Bend Foundation Annual Report

Community Fund and Community Foundation Infographic

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Best', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk